

GEORGIA



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History of Partnership

The House Democracy Partnership (HDP) approved a legislative strengthening partnership with the Parliament of Georgia in 2006.¹ The partnership with Georgia has focused on committee operations, parliamentary research, strengthening parliamentary oversight, and analysis and IT capabilities. HDP has encouraged development on these fronts through visits to Tbilisi, seminars for Georgian members of parliament in Washington, and seminars for Georgian legislative staff. HDP also supported a \$70,000 IT project to upgrade the parliament's internal IT capabilities.



HDP Engagement with the Parliament of Georgia

- **MP and Regional Seminars:** Since 2006 MPs from the Parliament of Georgia participated in 11 MP seminars. Topics included openness and transparency, strengthening public integrity systems, building public confidence in legislative performance, leadership in the digital economy, strengthening committee operations, local and federal relations, constituent services, and enhancing the skills of women MPs. Parliamentarians also participated in three regional exchanges focused on e-governance, building a modern and representative parliament, and parliamentary oversight of the security sector.
- **Staff Delegations and Technical Assistance Consultancies (TACs):** From 2015 to 2019, HDP conducted five staff delegations and technical assistance consultancies with the Parliament of Georgia focused on security sector oversight, parliamentary openness, ethics, and legislative research and analysis.
- **Staff Seminars:** From 2007 to 2019, parliamentary staff participated in 14 staff seminars. These seminars focused on strengthening committee operations, the importance of legislative research services, oversight, budget analysis, technology and openness, citizen engagement through parliamentary communications, and supporting parliamentary caucuses and groups.
- **Self-initiated Delegations:** In 2009, Speaker David Bakradze led a delegation of Georgian MPs to Washington, D.C. to discuss legislative strengthening, geopolitical developments, and bilateral relations.

HDP Congressional Delegations (CODELs)

- HDP has organized seven congressional delegation visits to Georgia.
 - April 2007
 - December 2008
 - April 2010
 - June 2011
 - July 2015
 - February 2017
 - April 2019

¹At the time the partnership was initiated, the House Democracy Partnership was known as the House Democracy Assistance Commission (HDAC). The name was subsequently changed to reflect the nature of HDP as a partnership with partner countries.